



Missouri Department of Natural Resources

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Fix a Leak Week is March 15 to 21

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Spring is here and you should check your irrigation system before use to make sure it was not damaged by frost or freezing.

An irrigation system with pressure set at 60 pounds per square inch that has a leak 1/32nd of an inch in diameter, which is about the thickness of a dime, can waste about 6,300 gallons of water per month.

To ensure that your in-ground irrigation system is not leaking water, consult with a WaterSense irrigation partner who has passed a certification program focused on water efficiency.

Check your garden hose for leaks at its connection at the spigot. If it leaks while you run your hose, replace the nylon or rubber hose washer and ensure a tight connection to the spigot using pipe tape and a wrench.

Fix a Leak Week runs from March 15 to 21 to remind everyone to check their plumbing fixtures and irrigation systems for leaks.

For more information contact the Missouri Department of Natural Resources at www.dnr.mo.gov.